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For: ADJUSTBLE CONTINUOUS FILTRATION

SYSTEM FOR COOKING FATS AND

COOKING OILS

RESPONSE A

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to a Patent and Trademark Office action dated 04/11/01 (Paper No. 10) for the application identified above.

AMENDMENTS

Kindly amend the application as follows.

In the claims:

- 16. (amended) A method for controlling [the] quality of a fluid which is to be purified, the method comprising the steps of:
 - (a) providing a filter for filtering the fluid;
 - (b) conveying a portion of the fluid to the filter through a first passageway;
 - (c) discharging a portion of [the] filtered fluid and a portion of [the] unfiltered fluid through a second passageway;

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